long and Shubhashis Gangopadhyaya of the Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi Centre and SERFA. The study, using alternative poverty lines has estimated the incidence of poverty at national, state and sub-state level in rural and urban areas of the country for the years 1987-88 and 1993-94. The Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and state level. The state-level and national estimates of poverty of the Planning Commission differ from those in the study due to the difference in the methodology adopted. The estimates made by the Planning Commission are the official estimates of the Government. These estimates for India and each state for 1993-94 are annexed as "Statement."

Statement

Number and Percentage of Population below Poverty Line by States—1993-94

S. No.	State	Rural		Uban		Combined	
		No. of Persons (Lakhs)	*%age of Persons*	*No. of Persons (Lakhs)*	*%age of Persons*	*No. of Persons (Lakhs)*	*%age of Persons*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	79.49	15.92	74.47	38.33	153.97	22.19
2.	Arunchal Pradesh	3.62	45.01	0.11	7.73	3.73	39.35
3.	Assam	94.33	45.01	2.03	7.73	96.36	40.86
4.	Bihar	450.86	58.21	42.49	34.50	493.35	54.96
5.	Goa	0.38	5.34	1.53	27.03	1.91	14.92
6.	Gujarat	62.16	22.18	43.02	27.89	105.19	24.21
7.	Haryana	36.56	28.02	7.31	16.38	43.88	25.05
8.	Himachal Pradesh	15.40	30.34	0.46	9.18	15.86	28.44
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	19.05	30.34	1.86	9.18	20.92	25.17
10.	Karnataka	95.99	29.88	60.46	40.14	156.46	33.16
11.	Kerala	55.95	25.76	20.46	24.55	76.41	25.43
12.	Madhya Pradesh	216.19	40.64	82.33	48.38	298.52	42.52
13.	Maharashtra	193.33	37.93	111.90	35.15	305.22	36.86
14.	Manipur	6.33	45.01	0.47	7.73	6.80	33.78
15.	Meghalaya	7.09	45.01	0.29	7.73	7.38	37.92
16.	Mizoram	1.64	45.01	0.30	7.73	1.94	25.66
17.	Nagaland	4.85	45.01	0.20	7.73	5.05	37.92
18.	Orissa	140.90	49.72	19.70	41.64	160.60	48.56
19.	Punjab	17.76	11.95	7.35	11.35	25.11	11.77
20.	Rajasthan	94.68	26.46	33.82	30.49	128.50	27.41
21.	Sikkim	1.81	45.01	0.03	7.73	1.84	41.43
22.	Tamil Nadu	121.70	32.48	80.40	39.77	202.10	35.03
23.	Tripura	11.41	45.01	0.38	7.73	11.79	39.01
24.	Uttar Pradesh	496.17	42.28	108.28	35.39	604.46	40.85
25.	West Bengal	209.90	40.80	44.66	22.41	254.56	35.66
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	0.73	32.48	0.33	39.77	1.06	34.47
27.	Chandigarh	0.07	11.35	0.73	11.35	0.80	11.35
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.72	51.95	0.06	39.93	0.77	50.84
29.	Damand & Diu	0.03	5.34	0.15	27.03	0.18	15.80

S. No.	State	Rural		Uban		Combined	
		No. of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons	No. of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons	No. of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons
30.	Delhi	0.19	1.90	15.32	16.03	15.51	14.69
31.	Lakshadweep	0.06	25.76	0.08	24.55	0.14	25.04
32.	Pondicherry	0.93	32.48	2.38	39.77	3.31	37.40
	All India	2440.31	37.27	763.37	32.36	3203.68	35.97

1. Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura.
2. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island.
3. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshdweep.
4. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.
5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh.
6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.
7. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
8. Poverty Ratio of Himachal Pradesh is used for Jammu & Kashmir.

Increase in budgetary support for Ninth Plan

1359. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has revised the draft Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if not, whether Government stands by its commitment to increase by Rs. 5,000 crores the budgeting support for the Ninth Plan from the originally projected level of Rs. 3,75,000 crores;

(c) whether the first two years of the Ninth Plan have not already suffered from revenue shortfall and if so, by what amount; and

(d) in what-way the additional resources are proposed to be raised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIL): (a) and (b) The Draft Ninth five Year (1997—2002), approved at internal meetings of the Planning commission was released on March 1, 1998 by the then Deputy Chairman, Planning commission. The Government decided to review this Draft so as to suitably reflect the altered priorities, as enunciated in the National Agenda for Governance. Detailed action plans on the above guidelines have been prepared and suitably incorporated into the existing Draft. The new Draft Ninth five Year Plan has been discussed at the meetings of the internal Planning commission and Full Planning commission. The revised document is to be submitted through due process for consideration and approval of National Development Council.

(c) The Revised Estimates (RE) for 1997-98 showed a revenue shortfall of Rs. 14,629 crore as compared to Budget

Estimate (BE). Revised Estimates for 1998-99 are not yet available.

(d) Planning commission has proposed various measures including streamlining of tax administration, removal of various exemptions and rationalisation of subsidies to raise revenue.

Recommendations of National Task Force on Information Technology

1360. SHRI S. PETER ALPHONSE:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Task Force on Information Technology constituted by the Prime Minister has submitted its report to Government.

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations given by the Task Force;

(c) whether government has considered the recommendations; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Task Force on Information Technology and Software Development has suibmitted two reports viz., (i) Information Technology Action Plan dated 4.7.1998 and (ii) Information Technology Action Plan, Part-ii Development Manufacturer and Export of Information Technology Hardware dated 26.10.1998.

(b) In the case of first report, the Task Force has made 108 recommendations aiming to accomplish (i) Infrastructure Drive, (ii) Target IT Export of $ 50 billion and (iii) IT for all by 2008.

The recommendations of the second report mainly related to Sortware Bonded IT (S.BIT) Units, Fiscal and Financial Policies, Export Investment and Reserve Bank of India related issues; Banking, Company & Labour laws, IT product Design and Development.

(c) and (d) Government has already accepted the first report and has issued the Gazette Notification No. IT-IT/5/98 dated 25.7.98.

The second report is under consideration.

Completion of projects

1361. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the progress of ongoing projects in Maharashtra in terms of physical and financial targets during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the details of projects from Maharashtra pending for consideration clearance;

(d) how soon these projects are likely to be completed; and

(e) the details of surveys undertaken/ completed for projects in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) There are 66 projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above presently under implementation in various sectors. Statement based on the status upto June 98 is given in the Annexure [*see Appendix* 185, *Annexure No.* 37]

(c) There is no central sector project pending for consideration in the State of Maharashtra.

(d) Projects are being funded according to their priority matching with the latest commissioning schedules:

(e) There are 23 Railway projects which are under survey. Details are given in the encolosed Statement